

REMARKS

Claims 1-22, 24-29, 31-37, 39 and 41-43, which the Examiner rejected have been cancelled.

The Examiner objected to claims 23, 30, 38, 40 and 44 as being based on a rejected base claim. Claims 23, 30, 38, 40 and 44 have also been cancelled and these claims rewritten as suggested by the Examiner as new claims 45 through 49. That is, Applicant has now combined independent claims and dependent claims in a manner that should render the claims allowable. Specifically, the limitations of claims 19 and 20 have been added to claim 23 resulting in a new independent claim 45. Similarly, the limitations of claims 33 and 37 have been added to claim 38, and the limitations of claims 33, 35 and 39 have been added to claim 40 to create the remaining new claims.

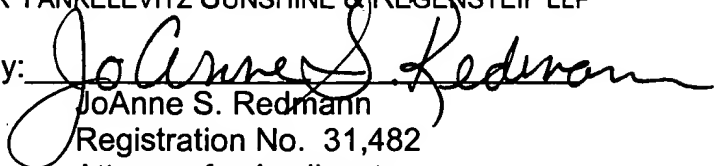
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and Applicant expects that a Notice of Allowance will issue in due time. If for any reason the Examiner still finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number listed below to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. You are hereby authorized to charge any fees due and refund any surplus fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2899, referencing docket number 16041.900100.

Respectfully submitted,

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